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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Division of Workforce System Support
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-4231
Washington, DC 20210
ATTN: Kimberly Vitelli

Dear Ms. Vitelli:

Pursuant to Training Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 17-10 and given the potential for reauthorization of WIA, the state of Mississippi is submitting this request to extend the current Workforce Investment Act state plan, the current Wagner-Peyser Act state plan and the current negotiated levels of performance to Program Year 2011. We are also requesting an extension of the current state waivers.

WIA Performance Measure		2010 Goals	Proposed 2011 Goals
Adult	Entered employment rate	58.0	58.0
	Employment retention rate	83.0	83.0
	Average Six Month Earnings	\$9,200	\$9,200
Dislocated Worker	Entered employment rate	58.5	58.5
	Employment retention rate	85.0	85.0
	Average Six Month Earnings	\$11,050	\$11,050
Youth	Placement in Employment or Education	67.0	67.0
	Attainment of Degree or Certificate	70.0	70.0
	Literacy or Numeracy Gains	46.0	46.0
Wagner-Peyser Performance Measure		2010 Goals	Proposed 2011 Goals
	Entered employment rate	46.0	46.0
	Employment retention rate	63.0	63.0
	Average Six Month Earnings	\$7,900	\$7,900

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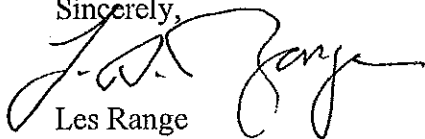
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Summary of Currently Approved Waivers:

- Waiver of the provision at 20 CFR 663.530 that prescribes a time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers.
- Waiver of WIA Section 133(b)(4) to increase the allowable transfer between Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, to allow local areas to respond to the particular needs of their customers and labor markets.
- Waiver of the prohibition at 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out-of-school youth.
- Waiver to permit the State to replace the performance measures at WIA Section 136(b) with the common measures.
- Waiver of WIA Section 101 (31)(B) to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training.
- Waiver of WIA Section 134(a) to permit local areas to use a portion of local area formula allocation funds to provide incumbent worker training.
- Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(1)(a) to permit local areas to use a portion of funds reserved for rapid response activities to be used for incumbent worker training.

If there are questions regarding this letter or more information is needed, please contact Yolonda Boone at 601-321-6050 or yboone@mdes.ms.gov.

Sincerely,



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